

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

- 1-20. (Canceled)
21. (Previously Presented) A method of treating severe depression in a patient in need thereof, wherein the patient has a MADRS score of at least 29, the method comprising administering a daily pharmaceutically effective amount of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to the patient, wherein the daily dose of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is 10 mg or less.
22. (Canceled)
23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the escitalopram or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is administered daily to obtain a significant improvement in the patient after one week as measured by the CGI improvement and severity subscale subscale.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the daily dose is 10 mg of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
26. (Canceled)
27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is an oxalate salt.
28. (Canceled)
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is an oxalate salt.

30. (Canceled)
31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is an oxalate salt.
32. (Canceled)
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is a crystalline oxalate salt.
34. (Canceled)
35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is a crystalline oxalate salt.
36. (Canceled)
37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is a crystalline oxalate salt.